City Council.

The Council was in regular session last night, all the members present except President Berkeley and Mr. Craig—Mr. McQuaide in the chair. The session was protracted to a late hour, a large amount of business considered and disposed of, a part of which only, owing to the lateness of the hour, will be reported.

The Attorneys of the city were empowered with authority to settle the land damages due Robert Knightly

The petition of the Staunton Furniture Company concerning water-pipes was granted.

The ordinances were amended for enlarging the police force, and Peyton Hutchens added to it

Mr. Tams reported an ordinance for the government of Street Railways Substantially the same as that of the city of Richmond, which was adopted.

He also reported the terms of a contract to be entered into by the Staunton Improvement Company for the construction of a street railway. Following is a synopsis of it:

The track of one line will commence at the corporate limits, Greenville Avenue, thence by it to New Court House street to Augusta street, along Augusta from C. & O. to Churchville Avenue and city limits.

The second will commence at the D, D. & B. Institution-gate, East Main St., thence along Main to the Western Corporate limit. The third will commence at the intersection of Coalter street and Greenville Avenue, thence along Coalter to Kalorama street thence along Kalorama to Market street, thence to Frederick street, thence to Augusta street.

Side tracks and turn outs to be allowed hereafter as the Council may determine.

The work to commence within six, and completed within twelve months from the passage of the ordinance.

After completion, fair service is to be daily rendered, nor are the intervals of passing of the cars to be more than fifteen minutes. A neglect of these requirements will forfeit the charter.

The street crossings, side-walks, &c., to be kept in perfect order wherever the railway line passes or intersects with them.

The road can be operated by horses or mules, but the Council reserves the right to prescribe electricity as the motive power after two years.

The fare is limited to five cents, but an additional fare can be charged when the passenger leaves the car at one point and is taken up at another.

Authority is granted to transport baggage, freight and packages.

The designs and erection of depots will be supervised by the Council Committee on streets.

Another Street Railway Company of authorized existence will have certain privileges to make connections and use certain portions of this Company under certain conditions. An assignment or lease shall not be made of a part, but, if at all, of all the lines operated by this Company. The Company is to pay to the city annually in lieu of other taxes one per cent upon the net profits for five years. For the following three years two per cent annually. For the following five years three per cent annually. After the expiration of thirteen years as above, then the Council reserves the right to charge such a sum as may be fair and just for the privilege.

The entire income from the privileges granted the railway will be appropriated to improving the Park above the Water Works.

The privileges guaranteed by the proposed ordinance are limited to thirty years.

The contract was thoroughly considered and then unanimously adopted. It now goes to the Improvement Company.

A ten-inch sewer pipe is to be laid along the eastern part of Main street and through the grounds of the D. & D. & B. Institution.

The building adjoining the U. B. Church on Lewis street, complained of as unsafe, was declared otherwise, and the petition dismissed.

The Commissioner of the Revenue will hereafter be paid a per centage under the same law and upon like terms as those governing the City Treasurer.

Messrs. Armentrout, Tams and Butts were appointed a committee to receive plans, &c., relating to laying out a Park west of the water-works.

Messrs. Tams, Butts, and Crimmens were appointed a committee to negotiate for a town clock to be placed upon the tower of the Y. M. C. A. buildings. Hereafter the Council will meet only once a month during the summer months.